Protection of coastal area of Orissa from losses due to tides

3272. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has asked for Rs. 23 crore from the Centre to save the coastal areas of the State from losses due to tides;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith status of the proposal;

(c) whether the Centre has formulated a National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project to be implemented with the help of World Bank and one of the investment proposals of the Orissa Government under this project is on "shelterbelt plantation" in certain district of the State; and

(d) if so, the status of the proposal indicating the time-frame within which it would be agreed to and the State Government apprised in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi has informed that National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project has been formulated to be implemented with World Bank assistance. One of the investment proposals received under National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project from Government of Orissa is on "Shelter bed plantation in Balasore, Bhadrakh, Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapada Districts at a total cost of about Rs. 23.03 crores. After receipt, the proposal needs to be appraised and, thereafter, posed for funding, for which no time frame can be designated at this stage.

Research centre on gas emission

3273. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 228 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th February, 2008 and state:

(a) the decisions taken at the UN-led talks held in Bangkok recently to draw up a replacement to the Kyoto Protocol pertaining to global warming which is likely to expire in 2009;

(b) which countries participated in the Bangkok conference;

(c) by when negotiations on a new pact to fight global warming talks would finally over; and

(d) whether the research centre for studying the science aspects of climate changes has been set up in Pune so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) As decided in Conference of Parties (COP-13)